



# Martinez Mustangs Mane Events

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*A Hillsborough County School*

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## Calendar

### Basketball Schedule

#### October

2 @ Hill  
8-11 Championships

### Volleyball Schedule

#### October

22 @ Davidsen  
30 @ Hill

#### November

5 vs Walker  
6 @ Smith  
14 vs Farnell  
20-22 Championships

#### October

3 Volleyball Paperwork Due  
4 SGA Basket Of Hope Ends  
7\* \*NO EARLY RELEASE\* Day  
7 Boys Volleyball Tryouts  
9-10 Girls Volleyball Tryouts  
11 End of 1<sup>st</sup> Grading Period  
11 Donut Sale  
14\* \*NO EARLY RELEASE\* Day  
14 Start of 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter  
15 Fall Pictures  
21\* \*NO EARLY RELEASE\* Day  
24 Student PTSA Membership Day  
28\* \*NO EARLY RELEASE\* Day  
29 Report Cards – Avail. Online  
31 PTSA Board Meeting 8:30am

## Note from the PTSA President

Hello Martinez Families and welcome to October!

I have some great news to share, as the donations for our fundraiser have finally finished coming in, we have slightly surpassed our initial goal of \$25,000 and ended up with a grand total of \$25,299!! I would like to extend my thanks to Wanda Grimsley, VP of Ways and Means who spearheaded our "Just One" campaign and also to our generous Martinez families who made this possible through personal and corporate donations. Some of the upcoming student rewards that were earned will be Upside down day (where teachers wear the school uniform and students are out of uniform) and a Kona Ice treat which will both be on October 11<sup>th</sup> and an Out Of Class Party for those who donated at the \$75 level (date to be announced).

Our Mustang Meet-n- Greet and General Meeting held on September 5<sup>th</sup> had a great turn out. Families were treated to Kona Ice, received information on various clubs and ways for their student to be involved at Martinez, and got to view the raffle drawings that were done for the fundraiser.

Just to keep you in the loop there are other events going on during this month including volleyball try-outs for boys on October 7<sup>th</sup>/girls on October 9-10<sup>th</sup>, End of the first grading period on October 11<sup>th</sup>, and Fall picture day on October 15<sup>th</sup>.

Some final reminders for parents:

- Yearbooks on sale now at [www.yearbookordercenter.com](http://www.yearbookordercenter.com), use order #2686
- If you would like to be included on our list for volunteers, please email your contact information to [martinezptsa.vpvolunteers@gmail.com](mailto:martinezptsa.vpvolunteers@gmail.com)
- October 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, and 28<sup>th</sup> are not Early Release days
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Jennifer Bommarito  
Martinez PTSA President

## Thank You

The Martinez PTSA would like to thank all the students, parents, and teachers for coming out to the annual Mustang Meet and Greet. Martinez showcased numerous clubs which offer exciting opportunities for students to get involved in the school community. Yet again, Martinez demonstrates dedication in providing students opportunities to excel both academically and socially. Go Mustangs!

Big thanks to the PTSA and Kona Ice for providing refreshing cool treats!

Mark your calendars! The next big Martinez PTSA event is

Mustang Jam on February 4th

You don't want to dodge to it.

## MUSTANG NEWS

### Martinez Staff Favorites

For the moments when you would like to show your appreciation to a Martinez staff member, we now have their "Favorites" available to you. A "Favorites form" was provided to every staff member at Martinez so that they can be rewarded or recognized, with their favorites. The forms are now available for you to view on line at <http://martinezlutzfl.ptapsa.org/staff-favorites> & there is also a binder in the front office containing the same information. As we receive the forms from the Martinez staff, we will be updating the binder and website. We hope that you will find this helpful when you would like to show your appreciation to your teachers, a favorite student nutrition or custodian member, as well as your guidance counselor or administration. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to Bridget Verrecchia at [martinezptsaspiritwear@gmail.com](mailto:martinezptsaspiritwear@gmail.com).



Rory M	2	Michael P	7
Audrey B	4	Emily N	11
Ricky L	4		
Cameron B	5		
Ryan G	5		

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Hello Martinez Family,

I want to express a tremendous thank you on behalf of the PTSA board and membership, students, teachers, Martinez Middle School Staff and the entire school community to everyone who donated to our 2019-2020 PTSA Fundraiser. We had tremendous success and surpassed this year's \$20,000 goal!

Qualifying students have already been enjoying recent Out of Uniform Days and soon, the entire campus will go **Upside Down** as teachers dress in uniforms and students get to wear their own, original clothing within dress code. Other fun incentive rewards are on the way!

Our entire school community will benefit from your generosity in tangible, meaningful ways. Below, we recognize our Business sponsors from the community who donated services or items for our Meet and Greet raffle, as well as Student Family businesses who donated. We hope you'll support these businesses who have partnered with us in our efforts to improve our school. Additionally, we want to say a special thank you to our families who donated at the \$250 threshold or higher.

It has been such a joy to me, personally, to serve in this way and see all the goodness and generosity here in our midst. We appreciate you!

With Mustang Pride,

Wanda T. Grimsley

VP Ways & Means

#### **Community Business Sponsors**

Tropics Boat Tours - Clearwater

Altitude Trampoline Park - Tampa

Clearwater Marine Aquarium

TreeHoppers – Aerial Adventure Park – Dade City

TopGolf - Tampa

Daddio's Pizza (Formerly Uncle Maddio's Pizza) - Lutz

Starbucks - Odessa

Jersey Mike's Subs - Lutz

Tijuana Flats - Lutz

Target – Lutz

Jeremiah's Italian Ice – Tampa

#### **Martinez Family Business Donors**

Van Dyke Animal Clinic – The Lynch Family

1<sup>st</sup> Choice Fasteners & Tools, Inc. – The Sampson Family

RHW Interior Design – The Waller Family

Chisholm & Beach, PLLC –The Chisholm Family

New Homes Solutions – The Anderson/Mackey Family

**Family Donor Special Recognition**

Amelia Langlois

Hannah Williams

Ella Lawrence

Matthew Leon

Ryan Reichmut

Eli Bedingfield

Johanna Barnett

Kierstyn Gordon

Logan Hylton

Henry Dorrell

Jacob Ward

Ryley Waller

Ben Glas

Kristina Galchenko

Ava Gelyon

Jack Lynch

Brynn McCardle

Caden Sanchez

Madison Kuster

Sophia Ioannidis

Ben Lejkowski

Saige Sampson

Ryan King

Ben Parker

Adrienne Locke

Julian Roig

Mina Thackeray



**Please print the birthday marquee order form below and send it to the office marked  
PTSA Birthday Marquee!**

## Birthday Marquee

Have your child's name displayed on the Martinez Marquee for the week of his/her birthday!

The cost is \$20. Reserve your spot today!

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Month \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Homeroom \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number (only in case there is a question) \_\_\_\_\_

I give permission for my child's name to be displayed on the Birthday Marquee at Martinez Middle School:

\_\_\_\_\_ (parent's signature)

Paid by check # \_\_\_\_\_ or cash \_\_\_\_\_ pay online @ [www.martinezptsa.org](http://www.martinezptsa.org)

Please make checks payable to Martinez Middle School PTSA

Please contact Laurie Grantham with any questions at [lauriepggrantham@hotmail.com](mailto:lauriepggrantham@hotmail.com)

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## New This Year! E-Membership Cards

PTSA Membership: It's Not Too Late To Sign Up!

Support your PTSA by becoming a member. Anyone can sign-up. VOLUNTEERING IS NOT REQUIRED. Your membership dues help support important student programs and incentives, teacher grants, building improvements, and so much more.

All students who become a Martinez PTSA Member by October 24th will receive a FREE DONUT treat on Student Member Appreciation Day. Student members also have voting rights at all general PTSA meetings.

Questions? Please contact Leslie Nixon at [martinezptsa.membership@gmail.com](mailto:martinezptsa.membership@gmail.com)



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# Martinez Middle School PTSA Membership

## 2019-2020

***Help us accomplish great things by becoming a Martinez PTSA Member.***

Your donation is tax deductible. **NO VOLUNTEERING REQUIRED.** By becoming a member, **YOU** are helping fund PTSA programs & initiatives, and have voting rights at all PTSA General Meetings

Your PTSA Membership helps fund:

Student Programs

Department & Teacher Grants

Family Activity Nights

School Needs & Improvements

Student Incentives

And so much more

**Student PTSA Member Appreciation Day is Oct 24<sup>th</sup>.** **ALL STUDENT PTSA MEMBERS** who register by October 24<sup>th</sup> will get a FREE DONUT during lunch time. *Students must have a 2019-2020 PTA Membership in his/her name to receive the special treat.* In addition, every student PTSA member will have voting rights at all PTSA General Meetings.

**How many Memberships are you purchasing?**

- ☐ **\$7 - One Membership**
- ☐ **\$14 - Two Memberships**
- ☐ **\$20 - Three Memberships**
- ☐ **\$25 - Four Memberships**
- ☐ **\$30 - Five Memberships**

**Who is becoming a Martinez PTSA Member?**

(Print clearly)

(Circle one)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (I'm a Parent, Student, Grandparent, Teacher)

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**\*\*Required info!! needed** for e-membership card delivery, DONUT ticket delivery, & questions:

Parent Contact info: Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Student Member Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Homeroom Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Student Member Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Homeroom Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Please contact Leslie Nixon with any questions: martinezptsamembership@gmail.com

Total paid: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ cash \_\_\_\_\_ check # \_\_\_\_\_ CC (last 4 digits) \_\_\_\_\_



# 2020 *Martinez Mustang* YEARBOOK

## PRE-ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK BY PHONE OR ONLINE

Yearbooks will not be available for purchase  
through the school by cash or check at this time.

Call 1-866-287-3096 OR go to  
[www.YearbookOrderCenter.com](http://www.YearbookOrderCenter.com)  
Use order number 2686

**\*The earlier you order, the more you save...**

Tier 1 = \$35 (NOW - 9/30/19)

Tier 2 = \$40 (10/1/19 - 1/13/20)

Tier 3 = \$45 (1/14/20 - 4/11/20)

***NEW: 8th Grade Dedication Ads  
are to be designed and purchased online.***

*Deadline for dedication ads is November 30, 2019.*

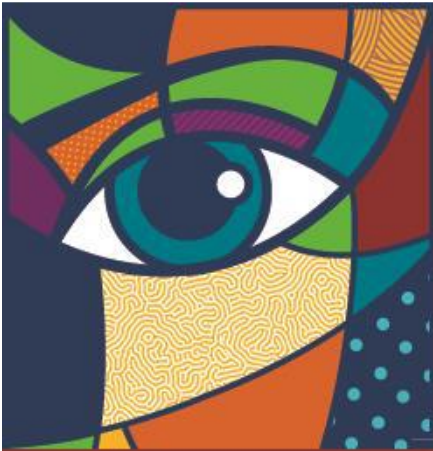
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**\*YOU ARE ONLY  
GUARANTEED A  
YEARBOOK IF YOU  
PRE-ORDER!**

OCTOBER IS NATIONAL ARTS AND HUMANITIES MONTH!!  
CELEBRATE BY ENTERING YOUR STUDENT IN THE REFLECTIONS PROGRAM



2019–2020  
NATIONAL PTA REFLECTIONS® THEME  
**LOOK WITHIN**  
Entries from all grades and all abilities welcome.



Visit **PTA.org/Reflections** to learn more and get involved.

CONTACT MELISSA CAUGER, MARTINEZ REFLECTIONS COORDINATOR AT  
[MELISSACAUGER@GMAIL.COM](mailto:MELISSACAUGER@GMAIL.COM) FOR MORE INFORMATION.

VISUAL ARTS ENTRIES MUST NOT EXCEED 11x14 IN SIZE

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS WILL BE **MONDAY 11/4/2019.**

ENTRY FORMS WILL BE POSTED ON THE MARTINEZ WEBSITE.





We are excited to announce that Mascot Universe and the Martinez PTSA have partnered together, as of April 2019, to sell the Martinez polos, spirit wear and even PE uniforms! One stop shopping for all of your Martinez uniform needs! With our new partnership, you will be able to visit the Mascot Universe location and make your uniform purchase or you can purchase your merchandise online at [Martinezapparel.com](http://Martinezapparel.com), with the option to pick up your order at their location, 19259 N. Dale Mabry, Lutz, FL, or they offer shipping to your home for a fee.

\*New spirit wear designs for the 2019-2020 school year.

\*PE uniforms must be purchased through Mascot Universe, in lieu of purchasing them at school. A new option for a female style gym short is being offered this year.

\*PE shorts are for PE! **PE SHORTS MAY NOT BE WORN AS A UNIFORM SHORT WITH THE REQUIRED POLO. THEY MAY ONLY BE WORN DURING GYM CLASS!**

\*Effective for the 2019-2020 school year, uniform bottoms can be Tan or Black khaki pants, shorts, capris or skirts. **\*\*\*ABSOLUTELY NO basketball shorts, NO yoga pants, NO leggings, NO jeggings, NO sweatpants, and NO workout tights!**

\*Shoe requirements follow the Hillsborough County dress code which state “no tennis shoes with wheels or bedroom slippers”.

\*Students must wear their polo shirts Monday through Thursday, with the option on Friday, to wear a Martinez spirit shirt, a college t-shirt or their uniform polo.

\*Students may wear a hoodie, along with their uniform shirt underneath.

If you have any questions regarding the school polos, spirit wear or PE uniforms, you are welcome to reach out to me, Bridget Verrecchia, at [martinezptsaspiritwear@gmail.com](mailto:martinezptsaspiritwear@gmail.com).